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Applicant: Toshio NISHIMURA

Serial No.: 09/648,523

Filed: August 26, 2000

THICKNESS EXTENSIONAL
VIBRATION MODE PIEZOELECTRIC
RESONATOR, LADDER-TYPE FILTER,
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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to March 15, 2002, by the accompanying Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-3, 5, 7 and the second, incorrectly numbered claim 14 with the following claims: